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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA CENTRAL DIVISION



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VERIZON WIRELESS (VAW) LLC; COMMNET CELLULAR LICENSE HOLDING LLC; MISSOURI VALLEY CELLULAR, INC.; SANBORN CELLULAR, INC.; and EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA CELLULAR, INC., d/b/a Verizon Wireless;

CIV 04-3014

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Plaintiffs.

-vs-

RULE 16 SCHEDULING ORDER

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA; SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION; and BOB SAHR, GARY HANSON, and DUSTY JOHNSON, in their official capacities as the Commissioners of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission,

Defendants,

SOUTH DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION and VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE,

Intervenors.

Counsel for the parties held a meeting in compliance with F.R.C.P. 26(f) and submitted a report.

Now, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) The Report of Parties' Planning Meeting, filed July 7, 2005, is approved and adopted by the Court.
- (2) The parties have until August 15, 2005, to move to join additional parties and to move to amend the pleadings.

- (3) All discovery will be completed by October 15, 2005.
- (4) A maximum of 25 interrogatories each party to any other party will be allowed.
- (5) There will be a maximum of five (5) depositions for each party.
- (6) Reports from retained experts under Rule 26(a)(2) shall be due from all parties by September 1, 2005.
- (7) Supplementations under Rule 26(e) shall be due on October 15, 2005, and the 15th of every other month thereafter.
- (8) All motions, other than motions in limine, together with supporting briefs, shall be filed and served on or before November 15, 2005. Opposing parties shall file and serve answering materials and briefs by no later than twenty (20) days thereafter. Reply briefs, if desired, shall be filed and served no later than ten (10) days thereafter.
- (9) A telephonic pretrial conference shall be held on Friday, January 13, 2005, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., and a trial date shall be fixed by the Court after consultation with counsel of record. Counsel shall contact the Judge's Aberdeen chambers by Friday, January 6, 2006, with the telephone number at which they will be reached for the conference.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2005.

BY THE COURT:

CHARLES B. KORNMANN United States District Judge

ATTEST:

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JOSEPH HAAS, CLERK